

Amendment

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is added.

Amendment to the Specification

Kindly amend paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Reference will now be made in detail to the presently preferred embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. It is to be appreciated that corresponding reference numbers correspond to generally corresponding structures.

Kindly amend paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] A latch 110 is mounted to a second side 112 of the chassis 100. The second side 112 is substantially parallel to and opposite the first side 108. For example, the first side 108 is the back of the chassis for accepting communication and electrical connections and the second side 112 is the front of the chassis including apertures for accepting removable media devices or the like for which users wish to have ready access. The latch 110 may be pivotally mounted to the second side so rotation of the latch 110 secures or releases the panel 104. A latch hinge may be formed utilizing a pivot pin, interlocking structures, hinge mechanism, and the like. Referring to FIG. 2, tab ~~216~~ 222 and slot 218 or a series of mechanical structures are included in the latch for engaging corresponding structures in the panel 204 to secure and/or align the hinged panel 204 to the chassis 200. As should be apparent FIG. 2 indicates a released position for the latch, see generally FIG. 3 wherein the latch is in a secured position.

Amendment to the Abstract

Kindly amend the abstract with the following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention is directed to an~~ An apparatus and method for allowing securing/unsecuring of an access panel from a generally opposing side of a chassis. The ~~mechanism~~ apparatus includes a latch for securing the panel disposed on a side of the chassis. A locking mechanism extends from the latch to a side opposite the latch. The locking mechanism provides a locking bar which may be manipulated to either positively secure the panel, via a screw or lock, or release the panel from the side opposite the latch.